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FOR ARA/MGT AND SY/FO/NSU

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SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF TWO SEABEES TO PANAMA FOR
ARA SECURITY VEHICLE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

REF: STATE 260276

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS FURNISHED IN RESPONSE PARA 3 OF
REFTEL:

A. EMBASSY PRESENTLY EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING IMPROVED
WAREHOUSE SPACE FROM MILITARY IN CANAL ZONE. RESULT OF THIS
EFFORT EXPECTED TO BE KNOWN EARLY PART OF DECEMBER AT WHICH TIME
DETAILS WILL BE FURNISHED ARA/MGT AND SY/FO.

B. INFO RE OFFICE FURNISHINGS AND SHELVING STORAGE CONTAINED IN
PANAMA 6994.

C. D AND E: ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS MUST NECESSARILY AWAIT
OUTCOME OF PRESENT EFFORT TO OBTAIN WAREHOUSE SPACE FROM
MILITARY IN CANAL ZONE.

PARA 4A. WITH ASSISTANCE OF SEABEES GOVT-LEASED HOUSING WILL BE
OBTAINED AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL IN PANAMA.

B. SUITABLE GOVT-OWNED RESIDENTIAL FURNITURE PRESENTLY
AVAILABLE FOR USE BY SEABEES. PANAMA 6994 STATED COSTS
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OF FURNISHING GOVT-OWNED APPLIANCES FOR PERMANENT

QUARTERS.

C. TEMPORARY LIVING QUARTERS, EITHER HOTEL OR GOVT-LEASED
TRANSIENT QUARTERS, WILL BE AVAILABLE TO SEABEES UPON ARRIVAL.

D. AS REGARDS HOSPITALITY KITS, SEABEES AND FAMILIES WILL BE
TEMPORARILY LODGED UPON ARRIVAL EITHER IN GOVT-LEASED
TRANSIENT APARTMENTS OR IN APARTMENT-TYPE HOTEL HAVING
KITCHEN FACILITIES, POTS, DISHES, ETC.

E. CANAL ZONE SCHOOLS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO CHILDREN OF SEABEES
UPON ARRIVAL.

2. REFTTEL DID NOT COMMENT ON POINTS RAISED IN PANAMA'S 6508
REGARDING VEHICLE TRANSPORTATION FOR SEABEES AND THE NEED FOR
INCREASED SAS LOCAL PERSONNEL. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY WONDERS IF
IF MESSAGE COORDINATED WITH ARA/MGT. PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TRANS-
PORTATION NOT SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE LOCAL DAY-TO-DAY TRANS-
PORTATION FOR SEABEES. B&M AND GSO BRANCHES OF ADMINISTRATIVE
SECTION ALREADY INADEQUATELY STAFFED TO EFFICIENTLY PROVIDE
SUPPORT SERVICES FOR PERSONNEL. DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS WILL BE
APPRECIATED.
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